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**Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed November 13, 2007, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

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